

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 1, 4, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Claims 7-10 and 13-18 are currently pending.

In the final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 7-10 and 13-18. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,400,961 to Lillie et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). To expedite prosecution of this case, however, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 4, and 11. The rejection of claims 1, 4, and 11 is therefore moot.


Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and a timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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